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"One Lord, One Faith, One God and Father of all."—EPH. IV. 5, 6.

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RT. REV J GLYNNE DAVIES

The Right Rev. J. Glynn Davies, a native of Llanarth, Cardiganshire, was educated at Victoria University and Unitarian College, Manchester. Appointed Minister of the Old Meeting-House, Aberdare, 1910. Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Banbridge, 1913-1919. Comber, 1919. Moderator of Remonstrant Synod of Ulster, 1919-1920: 1928-1929 and 1936-1937. Moderator of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland, 1929-30 and 1939-40. Honorary Treasurer of the Synod since 1933. Convener of Sunday School Committee, 1929-1939.

NOTES AND NEWS.

At the moment of going to press, news reaches us of the German invasion of Denmark and Norway. Rapid and extensive developments will no doubt have transpired, by the time of publication of this magazine. Definite information has come from those among the refugees from Poland who have found their way into Rumania, Lithuania and France. "The strain and stress are treme'dous. The clear purpose is to destroy all Polish culture, science, art and religion, to uproot all human dignity and self-respect in the people of Poland, nearly to annihilate the nation itself. Cold, half-starvation, dirt, are not making the strain easier. The majority have no work, a few who are working (chiefly in hospitals for very low salaries) share all they gain with others. The worst, the most desperate situation, is under the Bolsheviks, where true famine has started. The despair of the population is great. The Bolsheviks give no help, they take on the contrary, all foodstuffs from the villages to Russia."

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After Whitsuntide, the various denominations hold their Assemblies. The General Assembly of the Free Christian and Unitarian Churches in Great Britain, (of which the N.S. P. Church is "an integral section," i.e., while forming a part of it, remains complete, entire within itself, having its own Church Courts, and Codes of Discipline) will be one of them. Our own Synod will follow in due course.

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"Whitsun" is a corruption of the old Anglo-Saxon word "Pfungsten" which means the Holy Ghost, hence "Whitsun-day" is Holy Ghost Day. With many of us that aspect of God has slipped into the back-ground. Dr. Montgomery strongly held to the teaching, and he himself, believed in "the personality" of the Holy Ghost. "Ghost=Gheist," (Ger.) =Breath, Breath of God, Fire of Love; because He is that power, best expressed in our words, as Fire or Light. The ecclesiastical red, in the Ancient Churches, East and West, stands for courage, brave y, power. "Paraclete" though mostly translated "Comforter," thus associating it with times of sorrow and suffering, has its best English equivalent in the "Encourager" or "Strengthen-er." When anything special has to be

done in the Church, this Activity Aspect is invoked as the "Hand of God"

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high;
O living Fount, O Fire, O Love,
And sweet anointing from above.

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June, 1940, number published on Saturday, May 25th. Copy sent in before 18th May, will be received by Rev. John Barron, Ballywalter, Co. Down.

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PULPIT SUPPLY.—The Rev. J. Shaw Brown, 1 Greenmount Avenue, Manse Road, Bangor.

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PULPIT SUPPLY.—The Rev. W. Eakin, 103 Greenore Street, Belfast.

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Contributions should be addressed to Rev. A. Davison, Dromore, by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

OBITUARY.

Miss Dobbin.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Dobbin which took place on Friday, March 29th. Miss Dobbin had been ill for some time, and as she was in her eighty-fifth year, while All Souls' will miss her very much, her friends are glad that now she is at rest. Her memory will long be embalmed in the hearts of her friends, a memory fragrant with innumerable incidents of kindly acts and true Christian charity.—W.H.P.

ERRATA.

Number of Ministers' Conference.

We find that the number of the "Ministers' Conference," as given in the N.S.P. report, does not tally with that recorded in the Minute Book, which, of course, is the authoritative record. The number of the April Conference was "340th."

REPORTS.

Newry. — The "Newry Reporter" of April 2nd devoted a complete page to reporting a special thanksgiving service, on the previous Sunday, on the occasion of "Fifty years of the Quinn Charity," which formed the title of an eloquent and instructive address by Rev. J. McCleery, B.A., S.T.M. A large congregation was present. Henry Quinn was a native of Newry with extensive family connections there, was born 1812; and no descendants of this family are to be traced anywhere. The members of the family prospered. His parents on both sides were connected with our Newry congregation, and the tradition is that the Rev. John Mitchel suggested the idea to Henry Quinn, when a young man of the great benefaction, which bears his name.

At 17 he was at Capetown, South Africa; was there for twenty years and became a partner in the firm in which he began to work. In the year 1848, returning to London, from an office in Sise Lane, London, he carried on an extensive trade with the Cape, until his retirement—1882, i.e., he was a London merchant for thirty-four years. He died at his home in Richmond, 24th October, 1887, in his 76th year. The announcement of the scheme for the administration of the Charity, evoked criticism on the ground of the religion and politics of Trustees. £4,000 is distributed annually, and £200,000 has been up to date given to the town and district.

Speaking of words of helpfulness to a man, who had been ill for a long time and felt the end approaching, and who said to the preacher "I pray fifty times a day, 'God be merciful to me a sinner' and it doesn't do me a bit of good," he advised: "Well then give over praying and instead of saying 'God be merciful to me a sinner,' say, 'O God, how merciful thou hast been to me a sinner.'"

That was a new thought to the man, and it set him thinking and he became more cheerful and trustful. Now after 50 years of this Charity, it was possible for them to say in regard to Henry Quinn, and to feel it, too, "O God, how merciful hast Thou been to this town

and district, we give Thee thanks." Newry has the finest social services of any town in Ireland. An appeal was made for the continuation of the work envisaged by Henry Quinn, by focussing in a central office, the charitable and social organisations in the town of Newry in order to place the deserving poor in touch with those who could relieve them and also "to protect the benevolently disposed from deception and misdirection of their charitable givings."

First Church, Belfast—We are gratified to find in the Calendar, a kindly reference to "The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian." Reference is made to the fact that many subscribers have been lost in the course of time through death and removal, and an appeal is made to replace these. "The magazine is devoted exclusively to Ireland." We have published a paragraph in Irish, though how many noticed it we cannot say, but, an eminent Irish archaeologist and writer has frequently contributed.

Young People's League—The March meeting of the Young People's League was held on Wednesday, 20th March, 1940, in the York Street Church Hall. About 60 young people and friends were present. Final arrangements were made for the Y.P.L. service to be held in All Souls' Church, on Sunday, 21st April at 3-30 p.m. It was decided to have a choir practice at 2-45 p.m. on the day of the service and all those who handed in their names for the choir are requested to be at the Church at that time. It was also agreed that the League should continue activities in some form during the summer months. Details of these activities will be made known later. The proposed programme for next winter session was also discussed. Mr. Wm. Christie concluded the meeting by delivering a most interesting lecture on "Propaganda—the last war and this." Tea was served during the evening.

Ministers' Conference.—The monthly meeting was held in the Orpheus Restaurant, York Street, on Monday, April 1st, a good attendance being pre-

sent. Several matters of general interest were discussed, and the Rev. Dr. A. L. Agnew gave an exposition on Luke ix, 28, the story of the Transfiguration, one of the outstanding events in the life of Christ, when according to the narrative "a voice from heaven was heard." The value of the expository method was dealt with, and expositions, in an older generation were much more frequent than they are today. It was the custom at one time, frequently to give an exposition either during the reading of a lesson or following it, and Dr. Agnew gave the results of the experiments along this line, that he has been making in his Sunday morning services, and to his surprise, men whom he might have considered were not very much interested in this part of the service—the reading of the Scriptures—had begun to take notice, and were attending these services, and even seeking opportunity to talk with him about his comments, saying that that way of regarding the subject had never occurred to them before. Allowing for all the imagery and Eastern way of expression, this evidently marked a turning point in Christ's own life, when the meaning of his mission and what it would involve came home to him vividly, "and after that his face was set toward Jerusalem." This method of study revealed the splendid style in which Bible was written. What a modern writer might require pages for, could be expressed, as in the passage under consideration, in few verses. Public speakers were tempted to use big words frequently, and lost the simplicity and directness of the simple Saxon words, in which the Gospels are presented.

In the discussion attention was called to an incident in verse 53, which formed the text of one of the last sermons of Henry Ward Beecher, who stated that he could not remember ever having heard a sermon on this text. The Samaritan villagers did not refuse lodgings to Jesus and His disciples, as such, but because they were Galileans going up to the Feast at Jerusalem, and that was opposed to Mt. Gerizim. If these pilgrims had been going northward instead of south, the villagers

would not have refused them. "But when a man gets his hate up, behind his religion, it is the very devil"—so said Beecher. Names of great preachers and their methods were brought to mind, and a most profitable afternoon was brought to a close by the generous tea, provided by the Rev. F. Munford, of Mountpottinger.

Women's League. — All Souls. — A very successful meeting was held in the Rosemary Hall, on March 15th; over £5 was added to the Comforts Fund. Miss A. F. Montgomery was re-elected assistant secretary.

Moneyrea. — The Dramatic Society gave two very successful performances of the well known comedy "The Auction in Killybuck," in the Lyttle Memorial School, on Friday and Saturday nights, March 22nd and 23rd. There were crowded audiences, and everybody enjoyed the play. The cast was as follows:—Robert John Moss—a farmer's son—Frank Maxwell; Alexander McCracken—an auctioneer—J. J. Stewart; Joe Paul—a farmer and an executor—James Blair; Domnick Convery—member of the A.O.H.—The producer who deputised for Edward Fisher; Sam Wisner—a servant boy—James Maxwell; Job Wilson—a farmer and an elder—Moore Fisher; William John Anderson—a farmer—Bertie McCullough; Rebecca—Robert John Gloss's maiden aunt — Miss Margaret McFarland; Margaret Jane—a servant employed by aunt Rebecca—Miss Margaret Lappin. Every part was well done, and the players deserved the highest praise. The proceeds are in aid of Church funds.

Ballee—A Cake, Produce and Jumble Sale was held in the Schoolroom, on March 16th, when an amount of over £18 was realised. Special services were held on Easter Sunday, March 24th, when goodly congregations assembled. The preacher was the Rev. E. Savell Hicks, of Dublin, to whom the congregation is indebted for eloquent and inspiring addresses. The soloist at the evening service was Miss Doggart, of Newtownards. On April 19th, a well-attended dance, organised by

Messrs. G. and J. Strain, was held in the School-room. All the above-mentioned events were in aid of the Renovation Fund, and were highly successful. Cordial thanks are due, and given, to all the friends whose co-operation made them possible.

Ballyclare Women's League. — The Ballyclare branch of the Women's League held their last whist drive of the season, on Wednesday evening, 27th March. Owing to the lighting restrictions and the petrol rationing, many of our friends from a distance have not been able to be with us as frequently as usual. The whist drives have, nevertheless, been very successful and much enjoyed and as a result, we have been able to hand over the sum of £14 to the Red Cross Fund and £8 10s to the Ballyclare branch of the War Comforts Fund. The thanks of the League are due to Mr. Edgar Bingham, not only for his kindness in acting as M.C. at each of the monthly whist drives, but also for much valuable help during the winter.

Crumlin. — The annual meeting was held on Thursday, March 21. There was a fair attendance. Mr. F. Manderson presented statement of accounts which still showed a credit balance though there had been expenditure upon furnace and church decoration. A slight increase in stipend contributions was recorded. The balance sheet was approved and the treasurer thanked for his services. It was agreed that the Floral Service should be held on June 9, at 3-30, that the Right Rev. J. Glynne Davies should be asked to conduct the service, and Mrs. Moore, A.L.C.M., of Ballyclare, should be asked to supply soloist. The ladies of the congregation provided refreshments at the close of business.

First Church, Belfast. — The Church choir again rendered, in very sympathetic and impressive fashion, selections from Gaul's "The Holy City," on Easter Sunday evening, March 24th. The present performance was the more noteworthy in that the choir is for the time being without a soprano soloist. Great credit is due to the choir, which

has maintained excellent attendances, both at Sunday services and at week-night rehearsals, throughout the whole period of the black-out.

The Discussion Circle brought its present session to a close on Sunday afternoon, April 7th, when the annual meeting took place. Excellent meetings have taken place throughout the winter, and there has been wide variety and freshness in the subjects discussed. Mr. Stanley Wood now becomes secretary, in place of Miss Evelyn Ellis, who has now partially removed from Belfast, and is greatly missed. Mr. Norman Castellano is convener. As a token of esteem, and of gratitude for their services to the Circle, an electric time-piece was recently presented to Mr. Norman Castellano and Miss Amy McKelvey, in view of their (then) forthcoming marriage. Both are founder members of the Circle, and have been indefatigable in its service. Following the annual meeting, as above, Mr. Eric Early read an interesting paper on "Poetry," while on March 24th the Circle debated the motion "That War is a Necessary Evil." It is hoped to arrange a series of summer rambles, and occasional social evenings in the Central Hall.

The Women's League held a Military Whist Drive, in aid of the various charities which it assists, on March 19th, an event which was greatly enjoyed by some sixty people. On April 5th the Rev. R. W. Wilde addressed the League on "Our Non-Subscribing Faith." The annual meeting brought the present session to its close on April 17th. The officers and committee were re-elected. Most of the League's efforts during the past winter have been devoted towards efforts for the comfort of men serving in the Forces. The fortnightly work meetings for this purpose are to be continued for the present.

The Junior Women's League has also brought its winter activities to a close with a social evening on April 17th, to which members of the Church choir were also invited. A happy evening was spent, and during the proceedings occasion was taken to present to Mrs. Norman Castellano (Miss Amy McKelvey) an electro-plate teapot in commemoration of her recent marriage.

Mrs. Castellano has been a very active member of the Junior League, and both she and her husband are members of the Church choir.

The Rosemary Dramatic Society presented on April 11th and 12th the thriller "Recipe for Murder," by Mr. Arnold Ridley. Good houses were experienced, and the presentation went well. The financial result has not yet been ascertained, but the proceeds are to be divided equally between the Comforts Fund of the Senior and Junior Women's Leagues respectively.

Dr. A. L. Agnew occupied the pulpit on March 31st, and special collections were then taken in aid of the York Street Centenary Endowment Fund. A sum of £21 13s 9d was thus realised. This congregation watches with both interest and appreciation the excellent work which is being done at York Street, and are glad to have been able to render to it some small assistance.

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland.

The proceedings 1938-39 have been published. One of the links between the Non - Subscribing Presbyterian Church and the General Assembly, Ireland, is this Society; the other is the Widows' Fund. These are legal links secured by special Act of Parliament.

Part III of Fasti of the Irish Presbyterian Church has been issued—1661-1690. "P. 183. Mackenzie John, M.A. Edin. 1669, Donaghmore, Co. Tyrone, Derryloran (Cookstown), 1673, was Chaplain to a Regiment in Derry during the siege, 1689, wrote the best and fullest account of the siege that is extant, 1690; went to London, 1690 to refute Rev. G. Walker's account of the siege, and there published his own "Narrative;" revisited London, 1694, and interviewed King Wm. III for the purpose of inducing him to protect the Presbyterian ministers from prosecutions in Church Courts. Died 1697."

Will our friends who see to the sale of this Magazine, kindly endeavour to get new subscribers.

REVIVAL HYMN.

Rejoice! The Lord is with us;
The Lord our God is here;
We feel His presence round us
And know our Maker near,
Rejoice, and hail His coming;
In joyful chorus raise
To hail Him, songs of gladness,
To hail Him, songs of praise.

He comes, the great Creator
The Lord of life and light,
Whose fiat spread the heavens,
And sundered day from night.
The sun obeys His bidding;
The stars await His call;
Bow down, bow down before Him,
And own Him Lord of all.

He comes, the God of mercy,
Who pities all mankind,
In whose divine compassion
Unfailing help we find.
To sin He brings forgiveness
And bids temptation cease;
To sorrow He brings comfort;
He gives the troubled peace.

He comes, the Heavenly Father
To whom all things we owe,
And from whose loving kindness
Unnumbered blessings flow.
His goodness none can measure;
His bounty ceaseless springs;
His love is brooding o'er us
With overshadowing wings.

Fling wide your hearts before Him
And cleanse them free from sin,
That through their open portals
The Lord may enter in;
And there, as in a temple
Made pure and sanctified,
The God of our salvation
For ever will abide.

J. K. MONTGOMERY.

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We notice that the now celebrated passage quoted by the King in his broadcast on Christmas Day: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year," appears three months previous to that date in the Clifton Calendar for October, 1939, and is referred to by the Rev. J. Tyssul Davies, as having been "contributed to 'The Times,' by a Clifton lady."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, Non-Subscribing
Presbyterian" Magazine.

Sir,—Some good humoured objection has been made to the amount of space given in the Non-Subscriber to York Street. As I should not like your kindness in giving so much to involve you in the slightest concern I wish to say a few words in defence. I also think that the fact that there could be such criticism throws another gleam of light on what is concerning so many of us just now, viz., the fact that while our Church should be advancing more rapidly than any others it is only doing so very slowly and is here and there known by everybody to be going back. It is chiefly for the latter reason that I write and whatever space it may take nothing is more important to us all than the state of our Churches and nothing should be more welcome than even the faintest suggestion from anyone that might improve matters.

The ordinary Church report is a thing unique in journalism. Churches have to keep up papers simply because it is the only way that they can get such things printed. We often read after this manner; "The usual Christmas Social was held in Ballyscullion on the Wednesday before Christmas. We would have liked to have held it on Thursday as usual but as the ladies found this inconvenient we had to change our time honoured date. The weather was worse than it was last year but not so bad as the year before when the snow was in some places three feet deep. We began with good old fashioned games "The Farmer's in his Den" proved as popular as ever! After a jolly time was had by all the event of the evening took place. Father Christmas, some people thought he was very like the minister, entered in the dark and really he did seem to come down the chimney. The Christmas tree was given as usual by our old friend Sir W. Wellwisher from his spacious domain. He is at present in Honolulu where we hope the change of air will do him much good. Tea was then provided by the ladies and Mrs. Newlywed who used to be known to us

all as Miss Happy and Miss So and So are to be congratulated on the tasteful way in which they catered for so many people. We then enjoyed our usual program. Miss Lovely delighted us all with "Danny Boy" and being encored obliged again with "The Maid of Tralee." There follows then the names of all the singers and reciters with the songs they sang. "The hearty singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne brought the happy evening to a close. The weather had improved by this time and all our people got safely home resolved to meet another year."

Now Sir, we all understand and forgive this sort of thing. It means much to Miss Lovely and all the rest. Copies of the N.S.P. will be bought and sent to America to all Miss Lovely's friends and the Lovely family will attend better than ever for some months to come and woe betide the minister who forgets one of the little ones who said a piece. But I submit to you that outside Ballyscullion not one Non-Subscriber from Ballymoney to Cork knows or cares what Miss Lovely sang or what the weather was like in Ballyscullion that night. Yet they pay for their paper for a dozen reports of this kind and there is no complaint — and rightly so. Ballytober must pay for Ballyscullion's social report because next month they will want Ballyscullion to pay for theirs. There is only one item of news in all the report and that is that there was a social in Ballyscullion. That shows there is some life there and all Non-Subscribers will or ought to be pleased to know that.

Now we in York Street are also human beings. Our girls would like to see their names in print as well as Miss Lovely. Moreover we have socials. We have more socials than all the Ballyscullions put together. What is more we buy twice as many papers. But I defy any of your readers to find a single report of that kind from York Street in the past seventeen years. In proportion to our activities and in proportion to the number of copies of the paper we buy we have occupied less space than any other Church which chooses to send you news. We have had plays that sent their actors on to

professional stage. Not even those actors names are mentioned. I have given lectures twenty times. Maybe they were not good. Good or bad they were reported even in the public Press and sometimes paid for. Not a line has ever appeared in the N.S.P. and no sermon of mine has ever had space asked for it. We have had fifty whist drives. Not one has been mentioned.

(To be continued in our next).

Yours truly,

A. L. AGNEW.

N B.—This is only half of the letter, the remainder is held over. [ED.]

PSYCHO-ANALYSIS AND THE JEWS.

Padre Wilde is potting at the wrong target, and his ammunition is dud. He would be wise to re-read my letter and then look to his rifle. I suggest he reads the following:—

(1) "Disgrace Abounding" by Douglas Reed.

(2) "Tax Bonds and Bondage"—John Mitchell 1/-. (This shows Jewish control of Federal Union, and the fallacy of The Keynes proposals).

(3) "Prof. Skinner"—John Hargrave.

(4) "Wall Street Under Oath"—Judge Pecora, U.S.A.

(5) "The Protocols of The Learned Elders of Sion." (The last Swiss Appeal Court report on these protocols was That They Are NOT A Forgery).

6) "Yoga and Western Psychology" by Coster. Oxford University Press.

Meanwhile I would ask him to find out . . . who is gaining control in leading business centres in Belfast and why? Visit any lunatic asylum and find out from the Case Sheets of any patient who has had dealings with certain Psycho Analysts.

Then he can help his own young folk to understand the false shades on this Psycho-jargon, by telling them straight the facts of Sex and Death.

I take my stand by The Master Jesus, with His scourge, in dealing with these Jewish Money Changers, and the padre may be surprised to know that **many of my Jewish friends are as anxious as I am to end this stranglehold.** Some of

these money-changers are Gentiles. Some are War Profiteers, verb sap.

A. G. PAPE.

Royal Societies Club,

St. James's St.

London, S.W.1.

[It was unfortunate that such a long interval occurred between "What we owe to the Jews," and Captain Pape's reply, due to having to postpone it month after month, because of denominational requirements. Because of the postponement, the significance of Capt. Pape's letter was not understood by some of our readers. We give Capt. Pape's reply to Mr. Wilde's letter. Because of limitation of space, this correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Comforts For Our Fighting Men.

Dear Editor,—I am glad to say that some welcome additions to the Fellowship Fund were made this last month.

The "Bring and Buy" Sale held at the annual meeting of the Ulster District League realised £3 5s.; added to this were subscriptions from Killinchy W.L., £1; Mrs. James Andrews, £1; Mrs. Porter, Comber, 3/6; Rev. and Mrs. R. Wilde, Belfast, 10/-; Mrs. Wilson, Holywood, 2/6; Mrs. McMurray, Belfast, 2/6; Miss Mercer, Belfast, 2/6; also a splendid donation of £3 3s. from members of All Souls' Church for cigarettes, make a very heartening response; Miss Praeger, Miss Gardener, Mrs. Andrew Lamont, Comber, and again All Souls' W.L., Mrs. V. Stevenson, Banbridge, are all to be thanked for sending woollens; Mrs. Frank Robinson, Holywood, contributed a very useful parcel containing necessities for the troops, such as toilet soap, tins of sardines, etc. (articles like these can safely be packed with the woollens and are very acceptable to the men). Perhaps this form of contribution may appeal to those women who wish to help, but have little time to knit. Men also could leave small gifts such as they would appreciate if they were in the same position as the men in the Forces,—razor blades, tooth-paste, handkerchiefs, small writing blocks—at the Depository.

Those of you who heard on the wireless the scenes depicted when the post arrived in the camp must surely desire to help. Remember—This is a FELLOWSHIP effort—not a charity. We wish to express our appreciation of the work of the men in whatsoever ser-

MONEYREA.

THE
Sunday School Anniversary Services

Will be held in the

NON-SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MONEYREA,

ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 1940

At 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. R. W. WILDE, M.A., B.Sc.

of the First Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

COLLECTIONS IN AID OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDS.

vice or whatever rank they may hold—we wish them to know that we think of them as members of the Unitarian Brotherhood.

The mentality of those people who contribute gladly and zealously to the unknown and neglect the claims of their own is hard to understand—surely they could divide their energies and gifts.

It might be of interest in these days of naval activities to know that we have members on the H.M.S. Jaguar, Rodney, Albatross, Repulse and there are several merchant seamen.

I have had several requests to put names on the Fellowship list who do not strictly belong to our denomination.

At first when there was the usual enthusiasm and many gifts and I had few names it was possible to do it. Now—I endeavour to find someone who will accept a name as his or her “war” friend.

Three parcels have been returned—after much searching—because of insufficient and wrong addresses, this means loss of time and waste of money. Postage is fairly heavy and as the funds are comparatively small I wish members would take particular care to get correct and up-to-date addresses.

Extracts from letters this month are unavoidably held over.

EDITH DAVIES,

Hon. Fellowship Sec.

The Manse, Comber.

The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian can be obtained at the Depository, 35 Rosemary Street, Belfast.

Ulster Unitarian Christian Association.

The annual meeting of the Ulster Unitarian Christian Association was held in Central Hall, Belfast, the Moderator of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Rev. J. G. Davies, presiding.

Rev. P. Godding, secretary of the Association, presented the annual report, which contained a detailed and informative resume of the Association's activities during the preceding twelve months.

The Moderator moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, and alluded to the importance of the work being done by the Association. At no time, he said, was it of greater importance than the present, when freedom was imperilled, to keep the lamp of freedom burning. They knew how it had been extinguished in some other countries. In the work the Association was doing, it was keeping the lamp of freedom burning, not only within their own Church but in the wider community.

Rev. A. L. Agnew, B.A., D.D., seconded, and the reports were adopted.

Rev. C. J. Montgomery, M.A., who had been the special preacher at the Sunday services in First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, acknowledging a vote of thanks passed to him, said he had been honoured by being invited to preach the annual sermons.

He moved: “That this meeting renews its adherence to the principles and objects of the Association, as set forth in the rules.”

Seconded by Rev. R. W. Wilde, M.A., B.Sc., the motion was passed.

The serving members of committee were re-elected, with the addition of Rev. R. W. Wilde.—(“News-Letter.”)

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CORRECTION.

A mistake was made in the heading of the article in the April number which was by Dr. Agnew, and was intended to be of general denominational interest, and not to apply to York Street, Belfast, only.

BROKEN BLOSSOMS.

BY THE REV. F. H. ALDHOUSE, M.A.

(CONCLUDED)

Dr. Brockley stood beside the salmon weir. It was only a few hundred yards away. He held his pastoral staff in his hand and spoke, Sister water, by this ring, the cross above my heart, and this rod of power I conjure you give up that which lies in your depths." The body of the young girl floated to the bank and a wave of water washed it ashore. Bishop Brockley held his ring from which violet fire flashed close to the face. "By the power of this ring, O breathless dust, be living dust again. By the power of this cross above my heart may the inner sea within your heart flow again. By the might of this staff, this rod of power, come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on this slain one. Rise, I command, who though unworthy am Gods high prisest, stand on your feet.

The half animate form arose. The Bishop touched her on the forehead, throat and heart with his crozier—"Live!"

"O what happened, I am all wet. Did you pull me out of the river, lord?" "Yes, how did you get in?" "O, I fell in, it was all my own fault."

"Come, my child, Barry Graydon has something to say to you. I know what it is and approve. My housekeeper will give you dry clothes and a hot drink. How fortunate it is a warm summer day.

"What? why my own sweet little girl, I nearly lost you and so learned how I loved you. So you drifted ashore and my fear was unfulfilled," Graydon sobbed.

"I will marry you two to-morrow. My Registrar is making out a free special licence. But let me warn you, Barry, don't try to play blind-man's buff with fate again. For once you have won against Fortune. There is need here of a steward. I was greatly worried this morning by the imperfect state of the fencing. A pig was routing in my garden. Will you take it on and you and your young wife shall have my second gate lodge for your home?"

"O thanks, my lord, you are our father and our benefactor, we gladly accept."

"I am pleased" Bishop Brockley agreed. "The garden of this world also gets invaded by Garadine beings breaking in we know not how. When our work is undone it must be re-done until the fight against desecration and destruction is finally won. Will you help me in my smaller battle to keep this little

spot of the universe as beautiful and well ordered as possible? Then perhaps also the garden of our souls will bear fair flowers, and we shall repel the invaders from the Outer Darkness once and for all."

"It is too good you are, right reverend Father. Your love and faith will find in us humble but willing helpers," Barry and Bedalia protested. "Welcome willing helpers," the Bishop said, and grasped their hands.

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